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Sabbath Bells.

Oh, holy Sabbath bell!
Ye have a pleasant voice!
Through all the land your music
swells,
And man with one commandment
tells
To rest and to rejoice.
As thirsty travelers sing,
Through desert paths that pass,
To hear the welcome waters spring,
And see, beyond the spray they fling,
Tall trees and waving grass.
So we rejoice to know
Your melody begun,
For when our paths parched below,
Ye tell us where green pastures grow
And living waters run.
—George MacDonald.

Ashland College Debt Once More.

Dear Brethren and Sisters: I beg you to give me one more patient hearing on the subject of the Ashland College debt, and it will be the last time I will inflict myself upon you in the way of a solicitation at least. And with that view I shall withhold nothing that will appear necessary to a full understanding of the subject. For that purpose I give herewith a list of all donations in churches, as far as that could be done, and in the names of individuals where there is no organization. In a few instances, however, the donations are given in the names of the places, where it was thought the donors might not wish to have their names published. There may be a few errors, as I did not transact all the business in person and am myself liable to mistakes, and some transfers and alterations have been made from the original account, but the following list I think will be found substantially correct:

LIST OF DONATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT OF ASHLAND COLLEGE, SECURED BY H. R. HOLSINGER.

Ashland, Ohio.....	\$2 395
North Liberty, Ohio.....	385
Covington, Ohio.....	385
Pottsville, Ohio.....	215
Fair Haven, Ohio.....	655
Homer, Ohio.....	115
Louisville, Ohio.....	1 215
Dayton, Ohio.....	100
Bear Creek, Ohio.....	200
Farmersville, Ohio.....	100
Fairview, Ohio.....	171
Pleasant Hill, Ohio.....	300
Williams Co., Ohio.....	132
Bethel, Ohio.....	100
Rush Creek, Ohio.....	54
Rossville, Ohio, (Estimated).....	50
Clover Creek, Pa.....	237
New Enterprise, Pa.....	200
Berlin, Pa.....	465
Stony Creek, Pa.....	105
Meyersdale, Pa.....	495
Johnstown, Pa.....	255
Conemaugh, Pa.....	255
Somersot, Pa.....	150
Harleysville, Pa.....	100
Coventry, Pa.....	60
Masonstown, Pa.....	162
Cowanstown, Pa.....	49
Glade Run, Pa.....	56
Brush Valley, Pa.....	22
Valley, (Westmoreland Co.) Pa.....	150
Ryan Station, Pa.....	131
Rosedale, Pa.....	50
Burlington, Ind.....	50
Indian Creek, Ind.....	54
Nappanee, Ind.....	45
Dunlap, Ind.....	105
Milford, Ind.....	35
North Manchester, Ind.....	143
Bunker Hill, Ind.....	26
Tosca, Ind.....	60
Edna Mills, Ind.....	121
Oakville, Ind.....	50
Beaver Dam, Ind.....	50
Roann, Ind.....	52
Bracken, Ind.....	88
Eight Mile (Zanesville,) Ind.....	270
South Bend, Ind.....	225
La Paz, Ind.....	100
Warsaw, Ind.....	75
Bethany, Va.....	305
Harrisonburg, Va.....	210
Round Hill, Va.....	40
Terra Alta, West Va.....	20
Jane Lew, West Va.....	50
Beaver Creek, Md.....	250
Auburn, Ill.....	255
Bethlehem, Ill.....	1000
Ocoya (Frank,) Ill.....	150
Falls City, Neb.....	1 345
Western Nebraska.....	249
Pony Creek, Kansas.....	726
Solomon Valley, Kansas.....	76
Maple Grove, Kansas.....	50
Burr Oak, Kansas.....	124
Labette Co., Kansas.....	175
Nickerson, Kansas.....	50
Waterloo, Iowa.....	1 361
Millersburg, Iowa.....	350
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS	
Mary E. Moore.....	45
D. M. Truby.....	15
Edi Horner.....	55
J. W. Gump.....	25
A. J. Garner.....	25
John H. Frazer.....	25
G. B. Repligle.....	15
Richard Arnold.....	200
P. E. Wrightman.....	100
Zigler & Fletcher (Increase).....	20
Amelia Ellis.....	10

Sarah Harley.....	5
Evangelist College Fund, minus Ashland's portion.....	18 265
Sister's \$1000 Fund.....	886
	235
	\$19 386

This will leave us a shortage of about six hundred and fourteen dollars.

From suggestions received publicly and privately, with a few original ideas added, I have matured the following plan for raising the balance, and if the Brethren will act upon it I feel very sanguine that it will succeed.

1. Let us aim to increase our individual and congregational donations by ten per cent. Let the church that had given one hundred dollars make it one hundred and ten dollars; the church that had given five hundred make it five hundred and fifty, etc. This in most instances can be made up by solicitations from parties who have not yet done anything. Where it can not be thus done, we will be obliged to ask increases from those who have already given. I approve of Bro. Josiah Keim's suggestion of each member giving fifty cents. In most instances the ten per cent increase could be made up in that way. But members in fair circumstances should not excuse themselves with that small amount, especially if they had not given liberally heretofore. Several brethren have already guaranteed the ten per cent for their churches, one of whom is brother Jos. Bowman, for Harrisonburg, Va.

2. Let the approaching Thanksgiving Day, which will occur on November 25th, 1886, be set apart for that purpose. Let all the Brethren churches have public services upon that day and let the ministers in charge, call the attention of their congregations to the subject and take up public collections for the purpose. Where there are several appointments in one church morning and evening services can be held.

3. Let the pastors of all the churches, immediately appoint two or more suitable persons in the congregations to solicit donations for Ashland College. The ministers themselves should be the best persons, but they are not always; however, they are certainly the best qualified to make suitable appointments of solicitors. Allow me to suggest, that, other advantages being equal, sisters make the best solicitors.

4. Now, Brethren, let us go earnestly to work. Announce your Thanksgiving meetings at once, and make known this work. Appoint your solicitors, and instruct them to set upon this mission immediately, and let us roll up such a thanksgiving offering as shall make the hearts of all rejoice, and that will reflect credit to the religion which we profess.

5. Immediately after your canvass has been made, please report to me at Ashland, Ohio., so that I may make the proper credits and corrections to the published list, for final entry into the College archives.

N. B. Where individual donations are increased so as to en-

title donors to an additional vote, please so mark in report.

Now brethren and sisters, let us make one more pull, a big pull, and a pull altogether, and lift our college right out of debt. We ought to have a thousand dollars more than aimed at, to make up for shrinkages, and accumulated interest. May we not hope to have responses from all the churches? And will not every individual make a thanksgiving offering to God, in proportion as the Lord has prospered us?

And farther: One-third of all the donations is now due, as I have the full amount guaranteed, and all the conditions have been fully complied with, as per particulars set forth in my circular letter of Aug. 15, 1886. We ought to have at least seven thousand dollars paid this fall. Please see to it that all dues are promptly paid up. Do not put it off later than Thanksgiving Day. Rather borrow the money. Where it can be conveniently done, please pay the whole in one payment, especially in small amounts; but where it would discommode the donors we do not ask it. They shall have the benefit of the easy conditions upon which they subscribed.

6. In places where there are no pastors, we suggest that the congregations or classes hold prayer or social meetings on Thanksgiving Day, and take the work in charge. And where that privilege even is denied, we hope that families and individuals will make their offerings. Please do not forget to respond promptly, as soon as this work has been well done.

This is my last call. I feel that I have done my full duty, both to the college cause and in the way of admonishing you to your duty. I have a good conscience toward God and man. I have sacrificed my favorite profession, and the comforts of home to myself and family, have given over two years of my time, have subscribed one hundred dollars toward paying the debt, and am over eighty dollars short of traveling expenses, and according to A. L. Garber, have lost immensely in reputation. I can do no more. I have visited all the churches once and some twice. I have not courage left to go again, and could not afford to do it if I had. I make this my last appeal, and with it commit the work for final disposition into the hands of our people, trusting that under the blessings of God, and the impressions of His good spirit, triumphant success may result. As soon as the responses are all in, which should be not later than the 10th of December, I will publish an itemized statement of all my business transactions in this matter.

Fraternally,

H. R. HOLSINGER.

En Route to Falls City, Neb.

Having received an invitation from the church at Falls City, Nebraska to pay them a visit, I started for that place on Wednesday Oct. 18th. I wanted to go and the Brethren wanted me to

come at an earlier date, and be present at their communion meeting; but I was hindered on account of affliction in my family. I stopped long enough in Kansas City to note the marvelous growth of the young city, and found that one year had indeed made quite a change in the place. The stream of humanity that was set in motion by its numerous railroads years ago is still flowing on through the Union depot as it did when I first visited the place in 1883. It was not the same crowd then as now, nor was the crowd as large, but it was still the same heterogeneous mass of races and classes that swerved to and fro at that time and upon several other visits since then.

I scanned the hundreds of faces for an acquaintance, in vain, thinking of the possibility of meeting Bro. Brown on his return trip from California, although glad enough to see any one whom I could recognize as an old acquaintance. At last I saw a man I knew. It was Bro. Stump returning home from the Brethren's lovefeast at Adrian, Mo. I was glad to see him and to learn that they had a very pleasant feast at Adrian. I was only sorry that I could not have been there too.

I had occasion to stop off at Leavensworth, Kans., and while there, I called to see sister Emma Davis, with whom I had a former acquaintance. Mrs. Davis is Matron of the children's department of the Home of the Friendless, having succeeded Mrs. Geiger, who lately took unto herself a husband, and thus brought her office of usefulness at the home to a close. Mrs. Geiger used to be a subscriber to the EVANGELIST, and I think a member of the Brethren church. The management of the home speak well of Mrs. Geiger the former Matron, and Mrs. Davis evinces the same industry and tact in her present field of work as she did when she performed her onerous duties at the boarding hall at Ashland College.

The Home for the Friendless is a charitable institution and is doing a good work. God bless its promoters.

I had heard much concerning the failure of the Prohibition law in Kansas and expected to learn something relating to that subject while passing through the state; but I was not prepared to see what I did see at Leavensworth. I expected to learn that whiskey was sold in Leavensworth, but I supposed that it was done on the sly, or through some scheme by which the provision of the law was evaded. But instead of this I found the city of Leavensworth boldly and defiantly ignoring the constitutional laws of the state. The saloons have the same outside appearance here as they have in Chicago or Cincinnati, and I was told that there were over two hundred of these undisguised open saloons in the city. In reply to my inquiries with prominent citizens why such a state of things existed, I received an-

swer that a majority of the citizens of the place were foreigners and favored the saloons. Attempts to enforce the law resulted in failure everytime, because witnesses would not testify to the truth, and even if they did juries would not render their verdicts according to the law and the evidence. The saloon element elect their Judge and prosecuting attorney from their own element, and they in turn select the juries also from among their friends and thus the law is not enforced. I was told that it was different in other parts of the state, but it is evident from the condition of things in Leavensworth and Ashland that prohibition does not prohibit in localities where the law is not backed up by a public sentiment in favor of its enforcement.

I have thought it proper to make the above statement of facts, believing that the cause will not suffer by a truthful representation. It shows the great importance of teaching the people and creating a public sentiment against the saloons as a preliminary essential to prohibition. Without this public sentiment underlying, the saloons will remain open in defiance of any law that may be enacted. The suppression of this gigantic evil is of such paramount importance that temperance workers should not antagonize each other in their various plans for suppressing it. Moral suasion, legal suasion, taxation, prohibition and local option are all necessary and should be adopted to the situation as it varies. It seems to me plain that the wise and unselfish friend of temperance will accept any plan that will be useful and practical, and it is plain that a tax with local option prohibition is better than prohibition with local option free whiskey.

I found the Brethren at Falls City awaiting my arrival and with an arrangement, to preach for them, which I did as best I could under the circumstances. I suffered with a sore eye which annoyed me considerably while there and is still a source of affliction to me.

I entered in an arrangement with the Brethren of the Falls City church which will locate me among them as their pastor. My duties in that capacity will begin as soon as I can arrange to leave here which I hope will be yet this fall. I hope this arrangement will be of mutual benefit to myself and the brethren of Falls City church; and will redound to the promotion of the blessed cause of Christ. I found my family with health improved upon my return home.

I will also add that I was pleased to find the EVANGELIST a welcome visitor in many homes, and its course during the past year highly approved. It bears also on its pages abundant evidence of increasing growth of the church and its blessed work.

E. L. YODER.

Don't carry your head so high that you can not see stumps in your way over which you may stumble.